IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Request for Election/Restriction Response mailed December 19, 2008, Applicants respond as follows: